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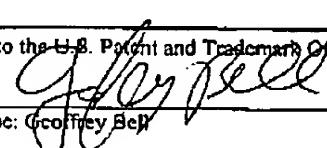
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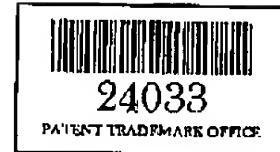
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**FOR DISTRIBUTING SOFTWARE**)  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a final office action dated November 24, 2003 ("Final Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-40 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over newly located art. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that the pending claims are patentable over the cited art for the reasons discussed below.

In the Office Action Summary, the Examiner objected to the drawings submitted with the filed Application. However, the Examiner provided no reasons or explanations for this objection to the drawings. Applicants note that formal drawings were submitted on October 2, 2003. If the Examiner still has objections to the recently submitted formal drawings, Applicants request that the Examiner provide specific objections to allow Applicants to respond.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2.